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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Julian W. Woo	3773	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Julian W. Woo. (3) ____.
 (2) Thomas Barry. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 17 June 2009.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,380,299 and 6,179,051.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Participants discussed possible substitute terms for "alloy," and the compositions of the coatings or layers on the stent bodies of Zhong and Fearnott as opposed to the the compositions of the stent bodies.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Julian W. Woo/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3773	
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